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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

June 25, 1959

Mr. Irving Drasnin
c/o Gellert
Manhattan Avenue
Rye, New York

Dear Mr. Drasnin:

It is my pleasure to notify you that you have been chosen the recipient of the Seymour Berkson Memorial Scholarship in the Graduate School of Journalism of Columbia University.

This scholarship was established as a memorial to the late publisher of the New York Journal-American . The award will be in the amount of approximately $900 to $1,000 and will be made available to you, one-half at the time of your registration in September and the other half at registration time in January.

Please keep this award in confidence until it is publicly announced.

May I offer you our warmest congratulations.

Cordially yours,

Edward W. Barrett
Dean

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July 29, 1959

Dear Drasnin:

In considerable haste (vacation looming) I just want to drop you this note in confidence. Please fold it to your breast.

I have seen your letter to the Dean, and I hope I am not injecting myself unduly into your decisions. But I do want to inkle to you my own feelings that I see no wisdom whatsoever in your considering staying with UP Pittsburgh as against coming here. Just between us, you can do a lot better in the spring of '60. After saying that, I shall probably be forced to eat my words next spring.

Pardon this abrupt pressing of my thoughts upon you. I do not normally write in this way. But I felt rather strongly and wanted you to have the gist of my thoughts.

Now make up your own mind. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Baker

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